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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office
 of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

SIGNAL REPRODUCING METHOD & APPARATUS, SIGNAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING METHOD AND
 APPARATUS AND SIGNAL RECORDING MEDIUM

☒ Continuing Application

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
 of prior application serial no. 09/075,628 filed May 11, 1998.

[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending
 applications, then in this amendment identify each and its relationship to its immediate
 predecessor.]

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to SONY CORPORATION.

The following are enclosed:

☒ Specification (50 pages)☒ 19 Sheet(s) of Drawings☒ 7 Claim(s) (including 7 independent claim(s))☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim

☒ Our check for \$ 1030.00, calculated on the basis of the claims
 existing in the prior application (less any claims canceled herein) as
 amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:

Basic Fee, \$710.00 (\$355.00)	\$ 710.00
Number of Claims in excess of 20 at \$18.00 (\$9.00) each:	-0-
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 covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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X Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney

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X Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventors

 Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d) (2) and 1.33(b))

X Incorporation by Reference (for continuation or divisional application)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

X A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
(Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

X New formal drawings are enclosed.

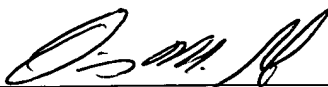
X Certified copy of each foreign priority application on which the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is based was filed in prior U.S. application serial no. 09/075,628 filed May 11, 1998. A list of said foreign priority application(s) is provided below. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>In</u>
9-128233	19 May 1997	Japan
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Sir:

Applicants' representative respectfully request
approval of the following changes to the drawing Figures in the
above-referenced application:

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